Home Minister's Visit to US

1345. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to the US, he persuaded the US to use its influence and ask Pakistan to hand over the terrorists named by India including the non-Pakistani criminals;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Pak President in his televised address on January 12th, made no mention of non-Pakistani terrorists; and

(d) what steps, if any, have since been asked to extradite them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) During his visit to the US, Home Minister held a comprehensive dialogue with his US interlocutors on the global dimensions of the terrorism. He also articulated India's concerns on Pakistan-sponsored cross border terrorism in India and Pakistan's role and responsibility in the context of the attack on the Parliament of India on 13.12.2001.

United States has acknowledged that Pakistan must match words by action, including with regard to checking cross border infiltration, taking action on the list of 20 fugitives and closing down terrorist organizations in Pakistan.

(c) and (d) Referring to the list of 20 fugitives from law handed over by India to Pakistan on 31st December, 2001, the President of Pakistan, in his address to the nation on January 12 stated that there was no question of Pakistan handing over any Pakistan national to India. On the presence in Pakistan of non-Pakistan nationals who figure on the list of 20 fugitives from law, the President sought to obfuscate the issue by stating that Pakistan had not give asylum to any such person.

On 11th February, 2002, India once again called upon the Pakistan authorities to take action to apprehend and hand over the individuals figuring on the list of 20 fugitives from law. It was also pointed out to Pakistan that the authorities of the United Arab Emirates (UAE),

acting as per current international norms, deported to India two individuals responsible for the attack on the American Cultural Centre in Kolkata, without insisting on time-consuming procedures of extradition, which was very much in line with the requirements of the international campaign against terrorism.

Donations forced by Militants for Kashmir Cause

1846. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that militants are forcing Government and Bank employees to make donations for the cause of Kashmir;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such instance has been reported in the State so far.

(c) The State Government of J&K is taking all precautionary measures to deal with the situation which include:

(i) Proper escorting of vehicles carrying cash;

(ii) Guarding of places where revenue transaction take place to avoid incidents of loot and dacoity;

(iii) Confidence building measures among the general masses to deny donations to terrorists.